

Figure S1. C. briggsae ISW-1 controls the sperm/oocyte decision.

A. *C. briggsae isw-1(RNAi) XX* Fog adult. B. *C. briggsae isw-1(RNAi) XO* Fog male. In both panels, anterior is left and ventral is down. The scale bars apply to the main panels; the size of each inset is shown by a box on the main panel. Finally, "o" indicates oocytes and a hollow blue arrow marks an empty spermatheca.



Figure S2. Components of the NURF complex are predominantly expressed in germ cells. Electrophoresis images of semi-quantitative RT-PCR experiments. Three biological replicates were assayed for each experiment (upper panels). Each lane contains equivalent amounts of cDNA isolated from a pool of five XX adults of the indicated genotype. The glp-1(RNAi) animals lacked germ cells. A 1:2 dilution series of wild-type cDNA template was tested for each target gene to show that the reactions were sensitive to changes in template concentration (lower panels). The endogenous control was *myo-2*, which is expressed exclusively in muscle.



Figure S3. *isw-1(v196)* is a null allele.

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR analysis of samples from the homozygous *isw-1(v196)* progeny of *isw-1(v196)* +/+ *dpy-18* mothers, and from control *dpy-18* animals. Three independent biological replicates were used for each sample. The expression profiles of *isw-1* and the two nearby genes are shown in the top three panels, and that of two controls in the bottom panel. The *tbb-2* gene encodes a  $\beta$ -tubulin, and *myo-2* encodes a muscle-specific myosin heavy chain. The faint *isw-1* bands in *v196* are unspliced genomic DNA.



Figure S4. Lowering the dose of *cbr-isw-1* can cause oogenesis in males.

DIC photomiocrograph of an *isw-1(v196/+)* male, showing oocytes (red arrows). Anterior is to the left and ventral down.



**Figure S5. The TRA-1 binding sites in** *Cbr-fog-1* and *Cbr-fog-3* are buried in nucleosomes. Graphs showing the beginnings of the *Cbr-fog-1* and *Cbr-fog-3* genes; each one includes 2000 nucleotides of genomic DNA upstream of the ATG. The Nucleosome Occupancy score is shown in red, and the probability that each base is the start of a nucleosome binding site is in blue (Xi et al., 2010). The predicted TRA-1 binding sites are marked by black line segments.

Genetic		Fertile				
Background	RNAi Target	hermaphrodite	Fog	Sterile	Lethal	n
wild type	Cel-nurf-1a	98%	0%	0%	2%*	273
wild type	Cel-isw-1	32%	0%	$67\%^\dagger$	1%*	384
Cel-fog-1(q253ts)	none	99.4%	0.6%	0%	0%	516
Cel-fog-1(q253ts)	Cel-nurf-1a	100%	0%	0%	0%	812
Cel-fog-1(q253ts)	Cel-isw-1	55%	0%	45%	0%	278
*- animals died as embryos						

Table S1. No synthetic feminization between C. elegans fog-1(q253ts) and NURF RNAi

<sup>†</sup>- animals made sperm and abnormal oocytes

Species	Target	<b>Oocytes only</b>	Sperm & oocytes	Sperm only	Other	n
C. briggsae	nurf-1a	62%	9%	20%	9%*	44
C. briggsae	nurf-1a <sup>†</sup>	0%	50%	10%	40%*	20
C. briggsae	isw-1	0%	93%	0%	7%*	30
C. briggsae	isw-1 <sup>‡</sup>	20%	4%	76%	0%	24
C. elegans	nurf-1a	0%	0%	98%	2% <sup>§</sup>	63
C. elegans	isw-1	0%	0%	100%	0%	28
C. sp. 9	nurf-1a	0%	0%	57%	42% <sup>  </sup>	170
C. sp. 9	nurf-1a <sup>¶</sup>	0%	0%	46%	54% <sup>α</sup>	41
C. sp. 9	isw-1	0%	0%	40%	60% <sup>β</sup>	82
C. sp. 9	fog-3	42%	0%	45%	13% <sup>γ</sup>	38
C. remanei	nurf-1a	0%	0%	92% <sup>δ</sup>	8% <sup>ε</sup>	66
C. remanei	isw-1	0%	0%	12%	88% <sup>ζ</sup>	58

Table S2. RNAi targeting NURF-1 only causes a Fog phenotype in C. briggsae XO males

\* - Germ lines had undifferentiated germ cells, and some had vacuoles.

<sup>†</sup> - Injected with 1.0 mg/ml C. sp. 9 nurf-1a dsRNA.

‡ - Injected with 1.0 mg/ml *C. sp. 9 isw-1* dsRNA.

§ - Sperm leaked from the gonad.

I - 71 animals had undifferentiated germ cells; of these animals, 23 had abnormally small germ lines, 6 worms had ruptured gonads, and 3 worms had vacuoles in the germ line.

¶ - Injected with 0.5 mg/ml C. sp. 9 nurf-1a dsRNA.

 $\alpha$  - 20 animals had small germ lines with undifferentiated germ cells, and 2 animals had disorganized germ lines with vacuoles.

 $\beta$  - These animals had small germ lines with undifferentiated germ cells.

 $\gamma$  - Undifferentiated germ cells.

 $\delta$  - Out of these males, 10 had small germ lines with few sperm.

 $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$  - These animals had small germ lines without sperm or spermatocytes.

 $\zeta$  - 49 animals had small germ lines with undifferentiated germ cells, and 5 of these also had vacuoles. 2 animals had normal-sized germ lines with spermatocytes but no sperm.

Table S3. Primers used for RNA interference

Target	Sequence
Cbr-nurf-1a exon 2	F: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGAAAATCCCGGAAGACCCGTCAAGAA
	R: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGATCCGTCACCGAATAATGCGTTTGC
Cbr-nurf-1a exon 7	F: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGACTAGTCCGCAAGAAGCAAACTGAC
	R: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGACCATCTTCTTCACTTTCTGCTGTTCC
Cbr-nurf-1.2cef	F: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGATCTGCGAACCTCTCCAAATCGGAA
	R: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGAGCAATACAGCGCTGGTTGTTCCTT
Chu iau 1	F: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGATCTTGGAATCAACTTGGCAACCGC
Cbr-isw-1	R: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGATGGCTCGATCCAGAAATGACCCAT
Chu lin 52	F: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGAGAGCGTGCAATGGCTTCCAGAAAT
Cor-lin-33	R: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGATCTGGTCGTCTGAAGCGGAAAGAA
Chu uha 1	F: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGAAATCTCTGGGATCTTCGTCACCCA
Cor-roa-1	R: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGAGGCGATTCGAGTTCCACGAGAAAT
Chu mun 1	F: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGATATCAAGCCGTTGAGCGTGGATCT
Cor-pyp-1	R: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGAATCAGTGCCAATGTTCCGAGGACT
Col murf 1a	F: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGACAGGATATTCCGATTCCAACGGCT
Cei-nurj-1a	R: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGAAGTAGTGCGTCTGCTCTTCATCGT
Col ign 1	F: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGATGGAATCAACTTGGCTACCGCTGA
Cel-ISW-1	R: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGAAGAAATGACCCATTCCGTCGGCTT
Cre-nurf-1a	F: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGATCCCAAAGCTAGACCTTCCAGAGA
	R: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGAGTATCAGCAAACGGATACGCCTCA
C = 0 must la even 2	F: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGAAATCCCGGAAGAGCCGTCAAGAA
$\begin{bmatrix} c. sp.9 & nurj-1a \\ exon 2 \end{bmatrix}$	R: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGAACCGAATAATGCGTCTGCTCCTCA
	Fa: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGAAGTTCCGAGAAGAGCAACCGGAAT
$C \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta$	Ra: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGAGCGAATGTGGGAAAGGTTCGAGTT
C. sp. 7 Jog-5	Fb: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGAAGTTCCGAGAAGAGCAACCGGAAT
	Rb: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGATGTTGTTGACCAGTTCGAGCACAG

Table S4A. Primers used for sem	i-quantitative RT-PCR
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Target	Sequence
Cbr-nurf-1a	F: AAATCCCGGAAGACCCGTCAAGAA R: TCCGTCACCGAATAATGCGTTTGC
Cbr-isw-1	F:TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGATCTTGGAATCAACTTGGCAACCGC R:TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGATGGCTCGATCCAGAAATGACCCAT
Cbr-lin-53	F:TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGAGAGCGTGCAATGGCTTCCAGAAAT R:TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGATCTGGTCGTCTGAAGCGGAAAGAA
Cbr-myo-2	F: AAGGTGCTGCCAGAGTAACATTCG R: GAAACTTGCGAGCACCGGTTTCAA

Table S4. Primers used for real-time quantitative RT-PCR

Target	Sequence		
Cbr-fog-1	F: GCTTCCGAGTTTTGAGTGTG		
	R: GCTGGTAGGAGAATATGTTGG		
Cbr-fog-3	F: CCTAGAAATGGTCAAATGGAGAG		
	R: TTCTGGAATTGGCTGATAGTG		
Cbr-spe-4	F: AATTGGACAACCGGGAATC		
	R: GCCCAAACATCCATAGACAAC		
Cbr-rpb-1	F: CGACAACCCACTCTCCATAA		
	R: GCCAATCGATGAAGATGTCAC		
Cbr-nurf-1a	F: CCGTTTCCAGACATCCTAGT		
	R: GAGAAGTTGGTACAGTTGAGG		
Cbr-isw-1	F: ACAGGCAGAACAAATGGG		
	R: GCTGGAACGTCTTTTGGTC		